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Oscar Abarca holds an M.A. in public administration from the University of Southern California and a B.A. in sociology. He also attended the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University and the Graduate School of Business Management at UCLA.

In 1977 Oscar was appointed transportation planner with the Southern California Association of Governments. Five years later, he became a financial analyst. In 1986 he served as Manager of Local Government Affairs, coordinating the Southern California Association of Government's government liaison activities for transportation.

Oscar joined AQMD in 1990 as Intergovernmental Affairs Director for Local Government. He was responsible for the AQMD's outreach and liaison with city, county, regional and other governments in Los Angeles County. In 2000 he was appointed as Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for the Office of Public Affairs, and in 2006 was appointed as Deputy Executive Officer.

Oscar has served as Alternate Commissioner on the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. A founding member of the Hispanic Urban Planners Association, he is also a member of the MALDEF Leadership Development and Advocacy program, a member of the Hispanic Issues Advisory Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In addition, he is on the board of directors for community day care, health care and counseling centers. Oscar is an active participant in the Puente Mentor program, a youth outreach and guidance effort.